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Dear Mayor Windsor and Council

As a long-term resident of Central Saanich, I would like to voice my support for the proposed conversion of Tennis Court 1 at Centennial Park to four dedicated pickleball courts. While I greatly appreciate the effort the District has made to include pickleball in the multi-sport facility currently under construction, it would be wonderful to have a dedicated facility. This would be of particular benefit in the summer months, as the increasing number of people enjoying the sport has made it extremely difficult to find places to play.

I realize that this would reduce the number of tennis courts at the park from three to two which is unfortunate however, tennis players have numerous other places to play throughout the peninsula. The proposed conversion would provide the only dedicated place to play pickleball for local residents, thereby resulting in a significant positive impact to the health and wellness of our community. In addition to these big picture benefits, it would be wonderful to be able to drop in to community-based courts, in a park setting, to play a game with a group of friends. A simple thing that we on the Saanich Peninsula have found very difficult to do subsequent to the closure of the courts at Wain Road Park.

Dedicated pickleball courts would be a wonderful addition to the park and I hope you all vote in support of this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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